

Flexible and scalable data analysis in the IRI Data Library
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Data Library Team

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The challenges of providing portals for diverse user communities

Our institutional challenge is to deliver information to people outside of our (climate) community so they can make informed analyses and decisions that lead to solutions

- non-climate scientists
- decision makers
- organizations and businesses

tools need to be part of that work flow



Issues?

Database, tables, spreadsheets, GRIB, netCDF, images, binary, servers, OpenDAP, THREDDS, shapefile

Barriers: Technology constraints

Generate knowledge

Barriers: Access in relevant and timely manner

Access to knowledge

Barriers: Uptake of Climate Information

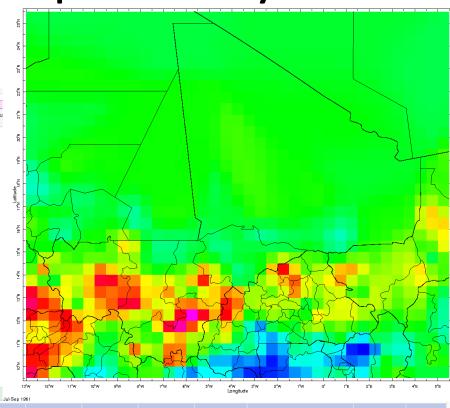
Informed action by decision-maker



Datasets Inter-operability

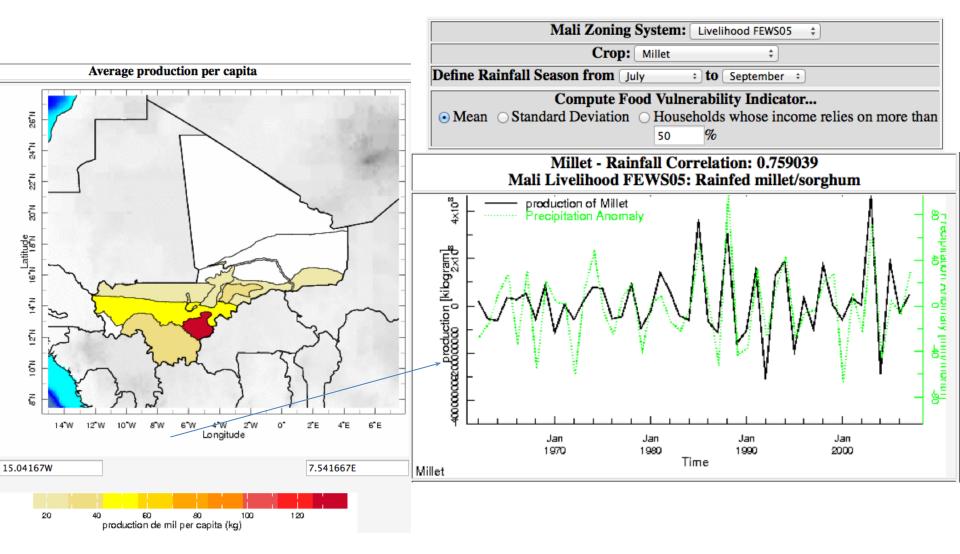




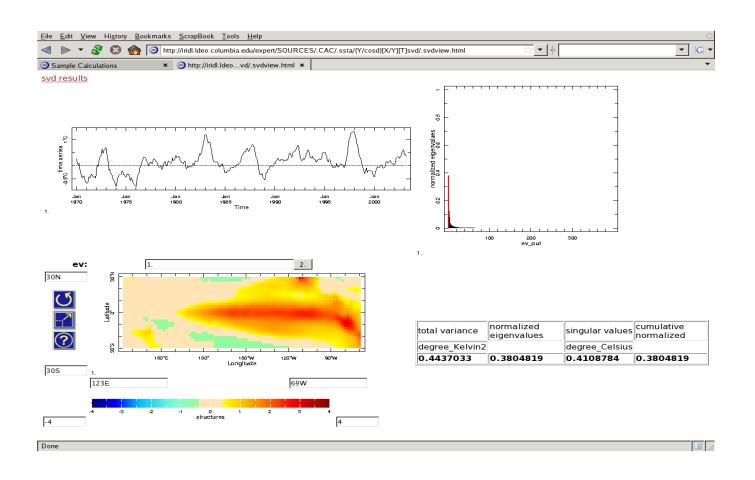


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	Mali	133	Blueberries	552		tonnes	to	onnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonnes	tonnes		tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonn
	Mali	133	Brazil nuts, with shell	216		tonnes	to	onnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonnes	tonnes		tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		tonnes		tonnes		tonn

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Generating Knowledge



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IRI science

Climate Predictability Tool (CPT)

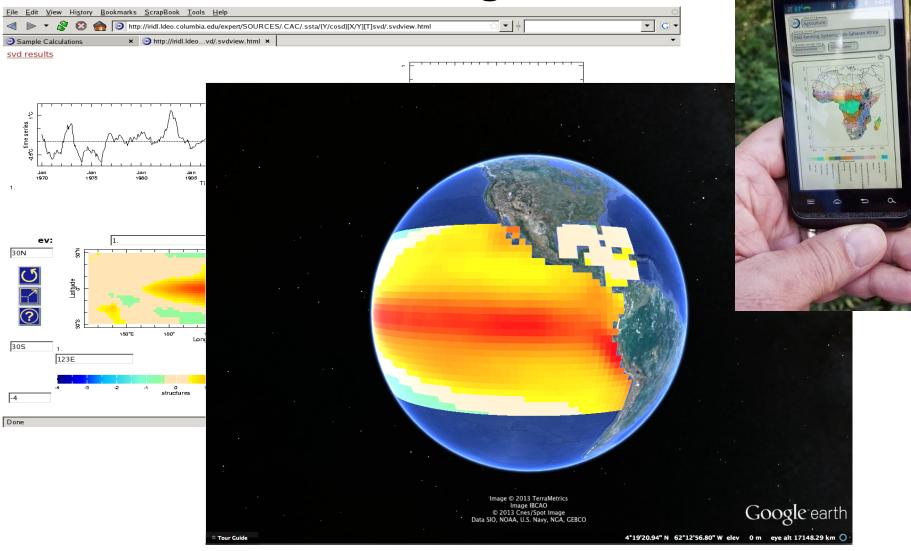
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Serving data





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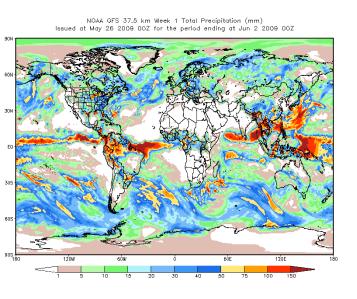
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Internet-based technology Serving data Maprooms

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The birth and life of the IFRC Maprooms

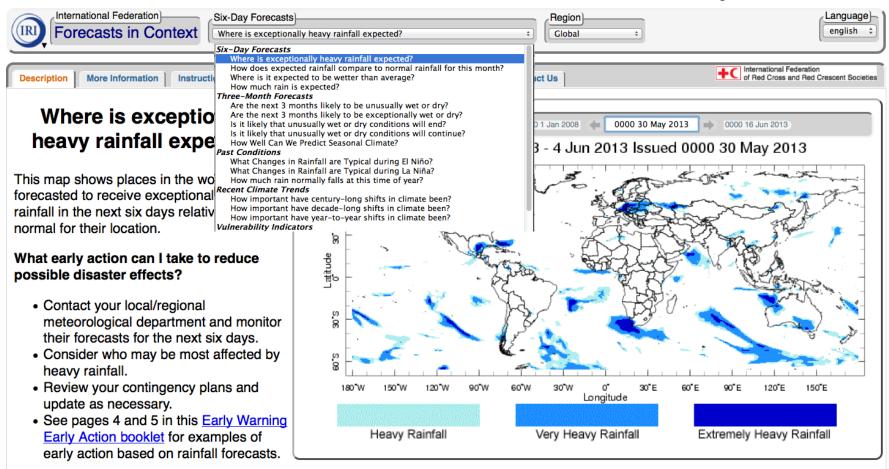


If floods relate to unusual rainfall, does this map tell where rainfall is unusual?

No! Need for historical context: Compare current 6-day forecast with historical 30-year average same 6-day period

Need for a new dataset

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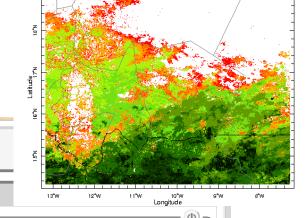
See the "More Information" tab for forecast details.





Desert Locust Control Support

Contact Us



1-10 Sep 2013

Greenness Estimates

Dataset Documentation

Locusts

Greenness Estimates

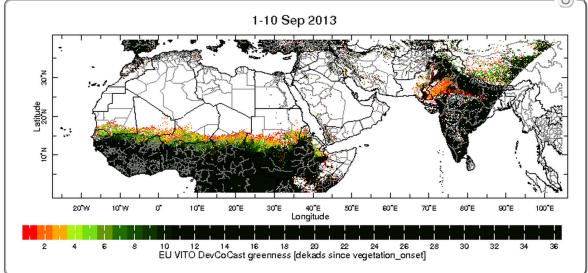
Dataset

Food Security

ocusts

A critical factor in Locust control is areas which have recently transitioned from desert to vegetation. Greenness is the number of dekads (approximately ten days) passed since vegetation onset.

The warmer colours (dekads 1-3) indicate annual vegetation that has just recently become green, and this is preferred by Desert Locust. Darker colours (dekads 7 and beyond) are most likely areas of perennial vegetation (oasis, forests, etc.) that are not particularly favourable for Desert Locust.



The methodology allows a robust and reliable discrimination between vegetation and no vegetation. It identifies efficiently the vegetation close to the onset and avoids the classic commission errors (i.e., detecting vegetation when there is no vegetation on the ground), encountered with the NDVI-based approach in these arid and semi-arid areas.

Malaria Early Warning

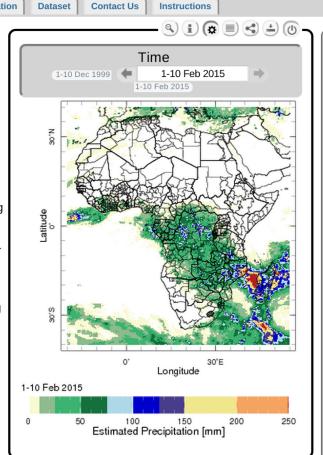


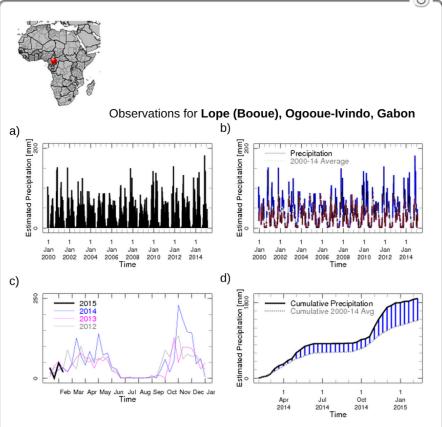
Dekadal (10-day) Precipitation

This map shows dekadal (10day) precipitation estimates from the Climate Prediction Center.

Precipitation, especially in warm semi-arid and desert fringe areas, is one of the factors responsible for creating the conditions which lead to the formation of sufficient surface water and moisture for mosquito breeding sites. Monitoring precipitation on short term time scales (1-2 weeks) may aid in determining the location and timing of a potential outbreak.

By placing recent precipitation in historical context, comparisons can be made to past outbreaks and useful early warning information can be developed for epidemic prone regions.





References

Grover-Kopec E., Kawano M., Klaver R. W., Blumenthal B., Ceccato P., Connor S. J. An

a) Dekadal (i.e., \sim 10-daily) precipitation estimates for the selected region from Dec 1999 to the present.

b) Same as (a) (solid black line) with the addition of the recent short-term

Probablistic Precipitation Forecast

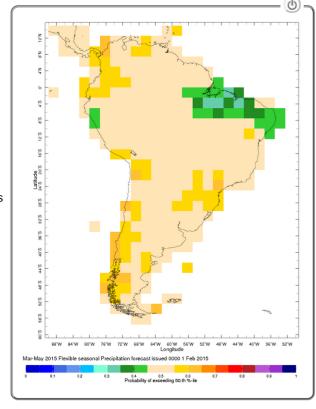


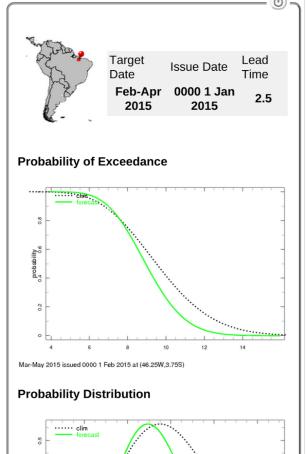
Precipitation Flexible Seasonal Forecast

This seasonal forecasting system consists of probabilistic precipitation seasonal forecasts based on the full estimate of the probability distribution.

Probabilistic seasonal forecasts from multi-model ensembles through the use of statistical recalibration, based on the historical performance of those models, provide reliable information to a wide range of climate risk and decision making communities, as well as the forecast community. The flexibility of the full probability distributions allows to deliver interactive maps and point-wise distributions that become relevant to user-determined needs.

The default map shows globally the seasonal precipitation forecast probability (colors between 0 and 1) of exceeding the 50th percentile of the distribution from historical 1981-2010 climatology. The quantitative value (in mm/day) of that percentile is indicated by the contours. The forecast shown is the latest forecast made (e.g. Sep 2012) for the next season to come (e.g. Oct-Dec 2012). Five different seasons are forecasted and it is also possible to consult forecasts made previously. What makes the forecast flexible is that underlying the default map is the full probability distribution for the forecast and climatology.





Therefore, the user can specify the historical percentile or a quantitative value (here precipitation in mm/day) for probability of exceedance or non-exceedance. The climatological reference on which the forecast probability of (non-)exceeding is computed can be tailored by defining its starting and ending years.

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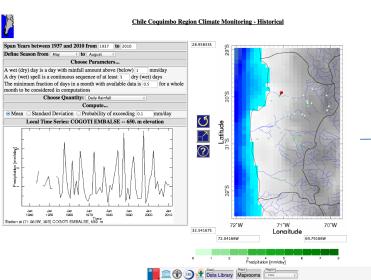
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Maprooms
Training tool
Technology Transfer

Technology Transfer





NMA (Ethiopia)
TMA (Tanzania)
AGRHYMET (West Africa)
CEAZA (Chile)
SNIA (Uruguay)
ACMAD (Africa)
IIT-Delhi, IMD (India)
CAZALAC (LAC)
CCROM (Indonesia)
Syngenta Nairobi (East Africa)

NMA Ethiopia (ENACTS)

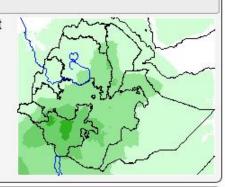


NMA Map Room

The climate and society maproom is a collection of maps and other figures that monitor climate and societal conditions at present and in the recent past. The maps and figures can be manipulated and are linked to the original data. Even if you are primarily interested in data rather than figures, this is a good place to see which datasets are particularly useful for monitoring current conditions.

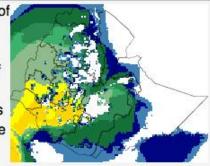
Climate

Historical, current and forecast climate conditions around the country.



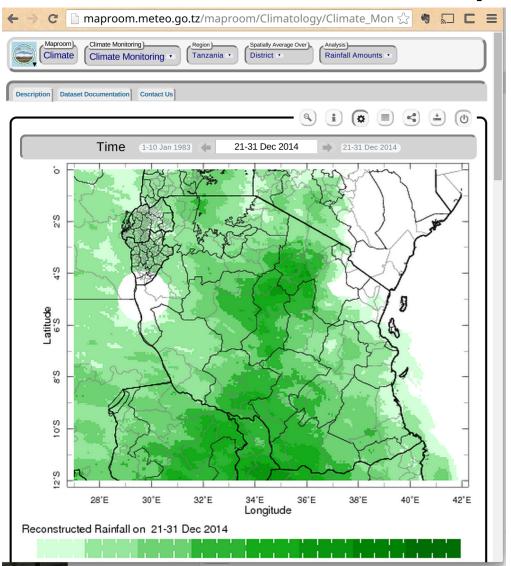
Climate and Health

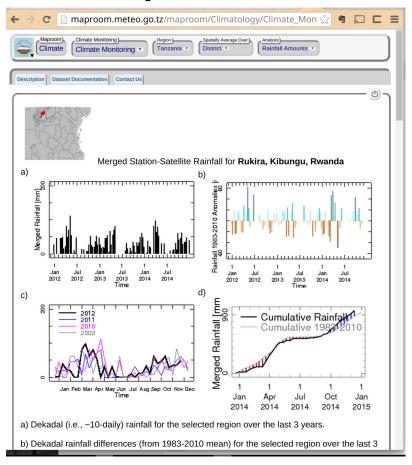
Empirically-derived thresholds of precipitation, temperature and relative humidity are used to assess the climatic suitability of malaria transmission. The interactive map initially displays the number of months during the year when climatological averages meet these



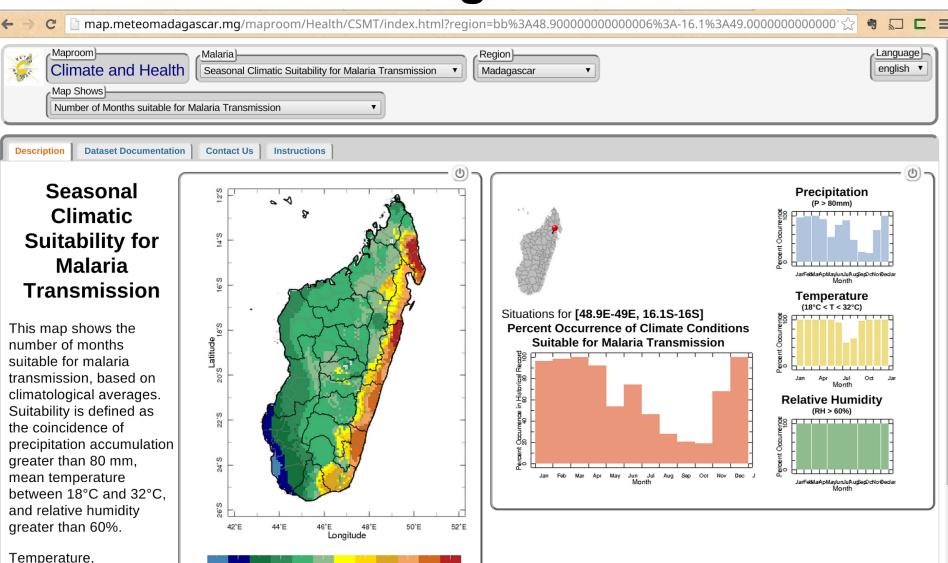
requirements. Users may gain insight into how often these conditions have actually occurred during any particular month by clicking on the map at the location of interest.

Tanzania (ENACTS)



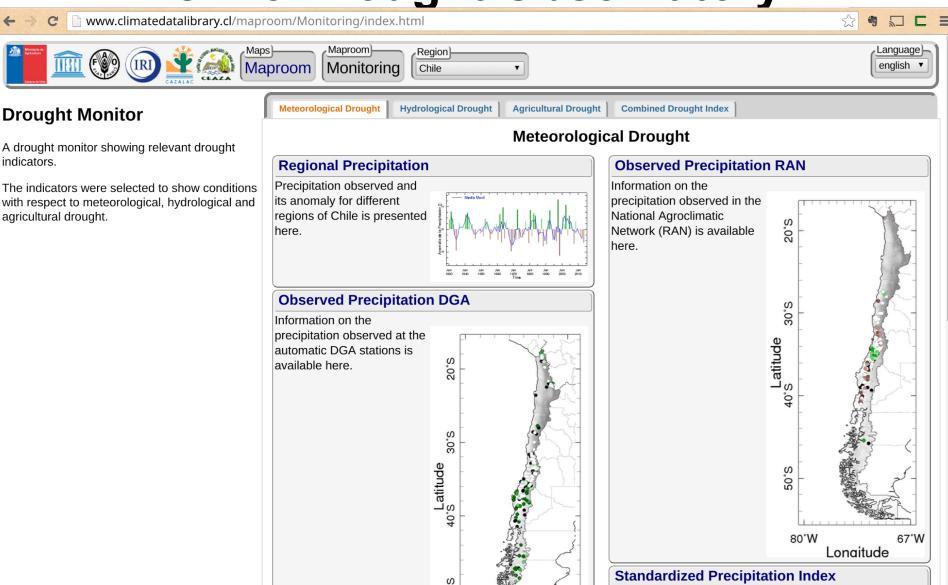


Madagascar



precipitation and relative

Chile Drought Observatory

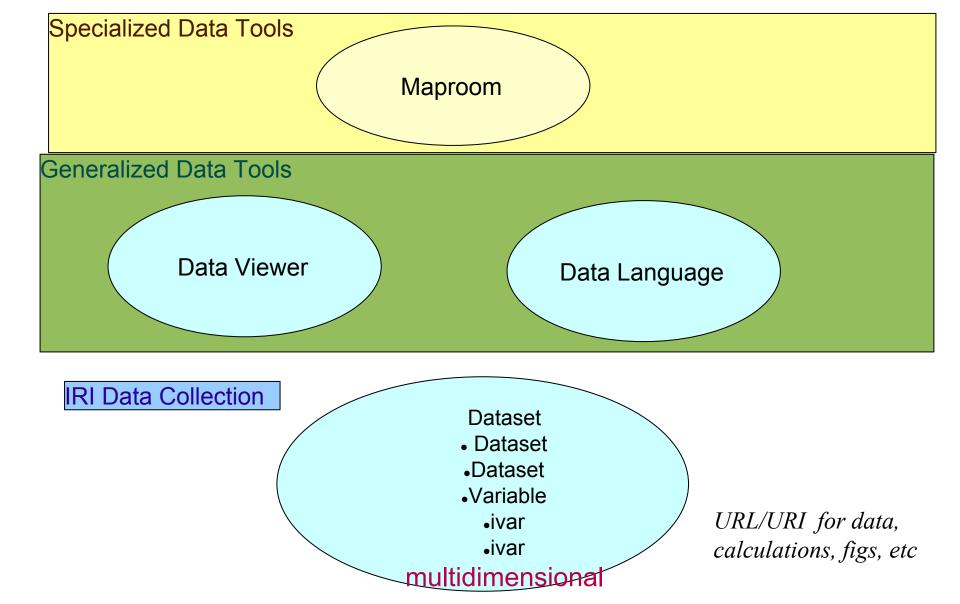


Technologies to support dissemination

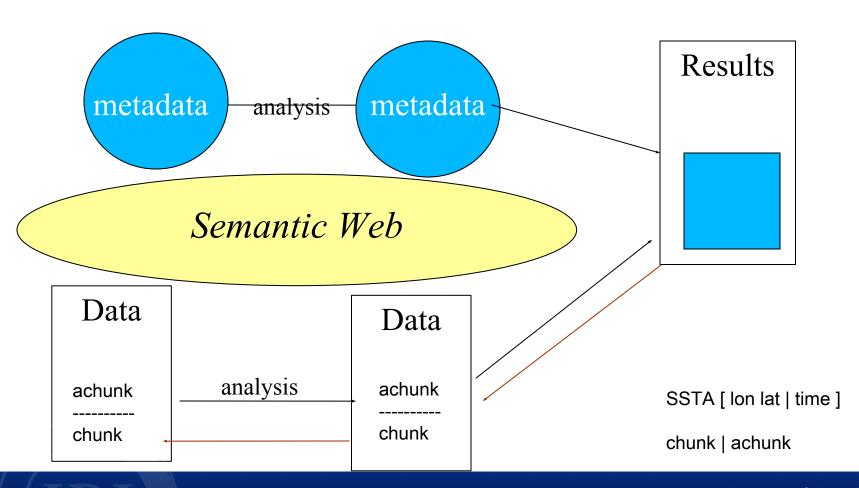
Ingrid -- data and analysis server, hides technical detail from user, flexible

maproom -- lightweight client-side user interface with semantic gathering of metadata, connects analysis to use with distilled set of choices

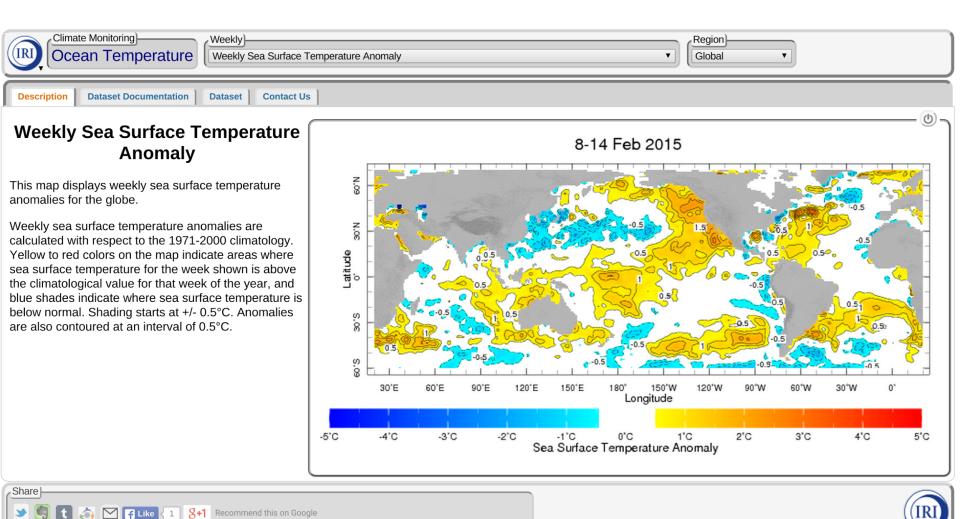




Data Flow based Analysis with explicit semantics



Example: SSTA Maproom



Example: SSTA dataset



NOAA NCEP EMC CMB GLOBAL Reyn_SmithOIv2 weekly ssta options	<u>Help</u>	Expert Mode
Views Views old Viewer	Data Selection	Filters Data Files Tables

NCEP EMC CMB GLOBAL Reyn SmithOlv2 weekly* Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly * DATA 0.5 STEP

served from IRI/LDEO Climate Data Library

NOAA NCEP EMC CMB GLOBAL Reyn_SmithOIv2 weekly ssta: Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly data

Reyn SmithOlv weekly ssta Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly from NOAA NCEP EMC CMB GLOBAL Reyn_SmithOlv2: SST fields updated from version 1 with more COADS data, new sea-ice to SST conversion algorithm, and 1971-2000 climatology.

Independent Variables (Grids)

Time (time)

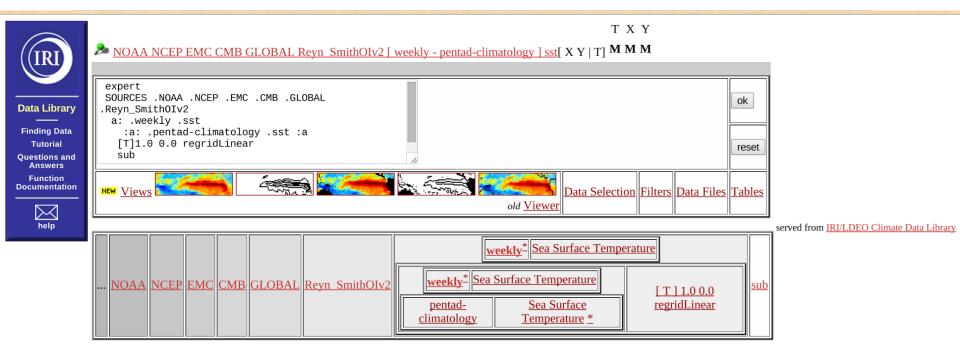
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grid: /X (degree_east) periodic (0.5E) to (0.5W) by 1.0 N= 360 pts :grid Latitude (latitude)

grid: /Y (degree_north) ordered (89.5S) to (89.5N) by 1.0 N= 180 pts :grid

Other Info

Example: SSTA calculation



NOAA NCEP EMC CMB GLOBAL Reyn_SmithOIv2 [weekly - pentad-climatology] sst: Sea Surface Temperature data

NOAA NCEP EMC CMB GLOBAL Reyn_SmithOIv2 [weekly - pentad-climatology] sst.

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function: classify



classify

Classifies data into categories, i.e. labels ranges of values.

var $\{classes_{1...2n+1}\}$ (facet) **classify**

Description

classify is used to assign ranges of values from a variable into user-defined classes. Given a variable with a given range of values, the classify statement accepts a list of alternating class names and constants which define the boundaries between the classes within that range. As a result, a new grid composed of the defined classes is created, and the values from the input variable are transformed into flags of 0 (not a member of the class), 1 (is a member of the class), or NaN (not a number -- missing). This is best illustrated with an example.

<u>Examples</u>

SOURCES .KAPLAN .Indices .NINO3 .avOS T (Jan 1901) (Dec 1990) RANGE T 3 boxAverage [T]percentileover {LaNina 0.2 Neutral 0.8 ElNino}(ENSO)classify

	Arguments									
label	type	Description								
var	variable	input data to be classified								
classes		alternating names and numbers, starting and ending with a name, so that there are N+1 names and N numbers (optional)								
facet	string	name of new independent variable (name of var if omitted) (optional)								
weights		output. There is an additional grid consisting of the N+1 names, and the values are 0, 1, or missing depending on whether the data was between the values given in the classify number set. This variable is sometimes referred to as being in complete disjunctive form.								

This example first takes non-overlapping 3-month seasonal averages of sea surface temperature anomalies (SSTA) from the NINO3 region of the equatorial Pacific Ocean over the period January 1901 to December 1990. This gives a single time series of seasonal sea surface temperature anomalies. The first time step is Jan-Mar 1901, the second is Apr-Jun 1901, and so on until Oct-Dec 1990.

Then, the SSTA values are converted into percentiles, from 0. to 1., using **[T]percentileover**. The most negative SSTA values in the distribution are assigned a value near zero, and the most positive values are assigned a value near one, with intermediate values ranging between these extremes.

The next line comprises the classify statement and its parameters. The class names and the boundaries between them are placed within the curly braces. Since the input

ENSO Classify by 1D



ENSO, [Indices india rainfall] Table

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expert
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SOURCES .KAPLAN .Indices .NINO3 .avOS
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T 4 boxAverage
T 12 STEP
[T]percentileover
{LaNina 0.2 Neutral 0.8 ElNino} (ENSO) classify
T 4 shiftdatashort
[T]weighted-average
table:
1 :table

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The full table is available here. Alternatively, the table is also available as tab-separated-value, comma-separated-value, or LaTeX files.

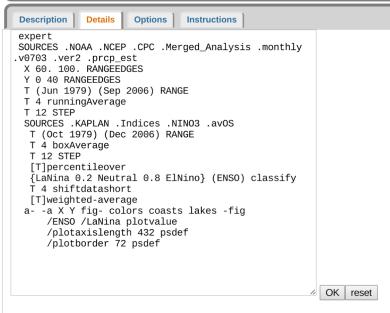
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LaNina	921.6111
Neutral	849.5849
ElNino	765.8333

Entries 1 to 3 of 3

ENSO Classify by 3D



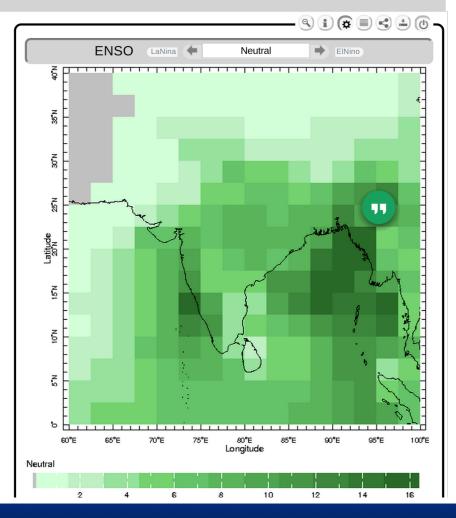




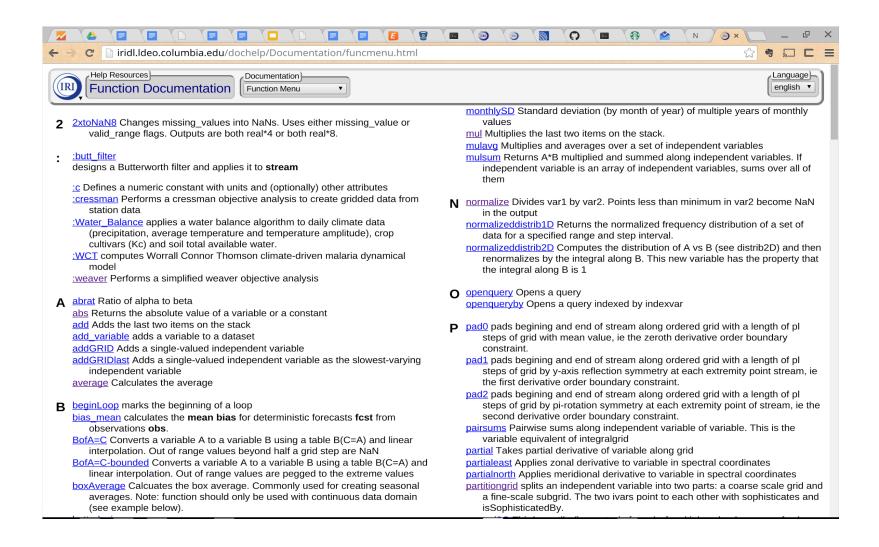
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- · fig: colors coasts gaz lakes :fig

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Function Library



On-the-fly is great, but ...

Clearly a maproom based on a produced product (like greenness) can be just as user-targeted as a maproom that is based on on-the-fly calculations. Both require a steady flow of input data, a processing scheme to update the product, and a distribution scheme. The difference is that

- greenness required setting up the entire infrastructure and took years to bring into fruition, (they are still working on speeding up the process).
- An ingrid calculation delivers all that production workflow automatically

Persistence within Ingrid is a bit of a mix of the two. Currently we only persist explicitly, i.e. an entry can be defined as a calculation that saves its results. Clearly would be better if any calculation could be cached as performance requires.

Production Flow technology fulfils a critical need

Workflow

The usual workflow for a new analysis

- Standardize the dataset
- perform the analysis
- present as Maproom



Search

 The maprooms are designed to be found and understood by a search engine

But we also have our RDF-based search

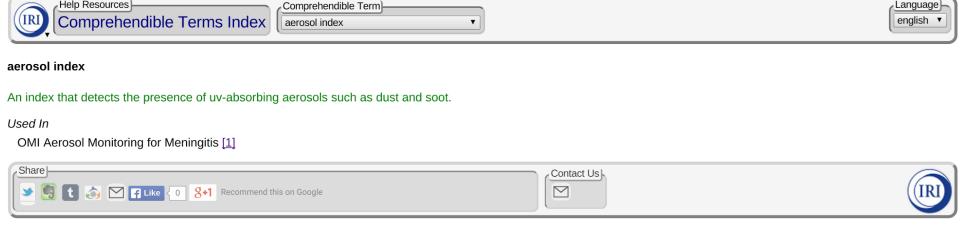
- The maprooms are semantically tagged using RDFA
- We have an RDF-crawler with inferencing to gather metadatata
- uicore (maproom clientside) interface code talks with a SPARQL service point (sesame server)
- Function documentation
- comprehendible terms
- faceted browser

All very much works-in-progress

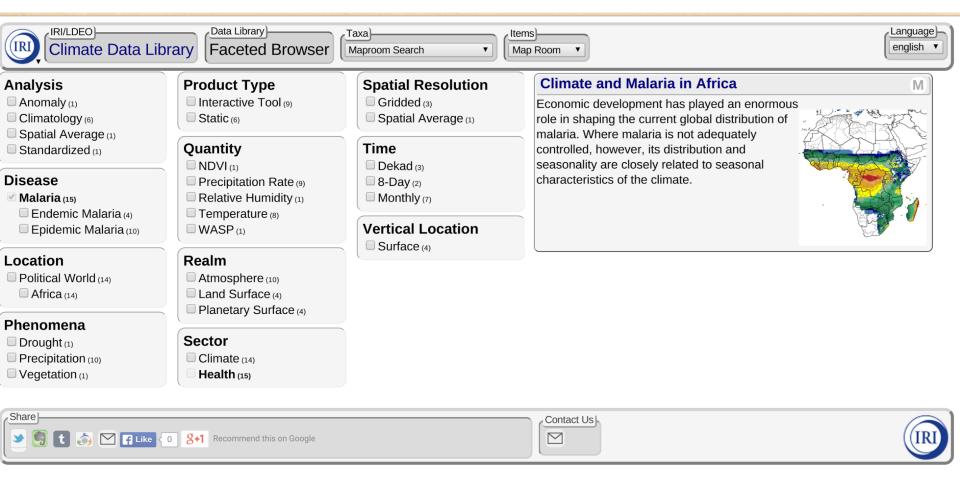
Comprehendible Terms

Two-way link between terms used in pages and glossary entries

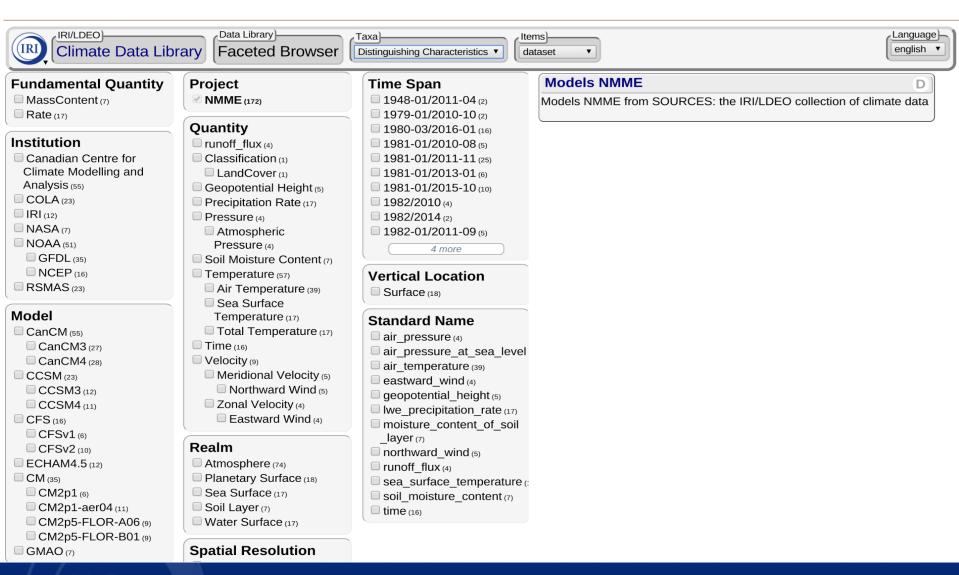
- rdfa tagging in the pages to mark the terms
- additional glossary information
- rdf repository of combined information drives interface



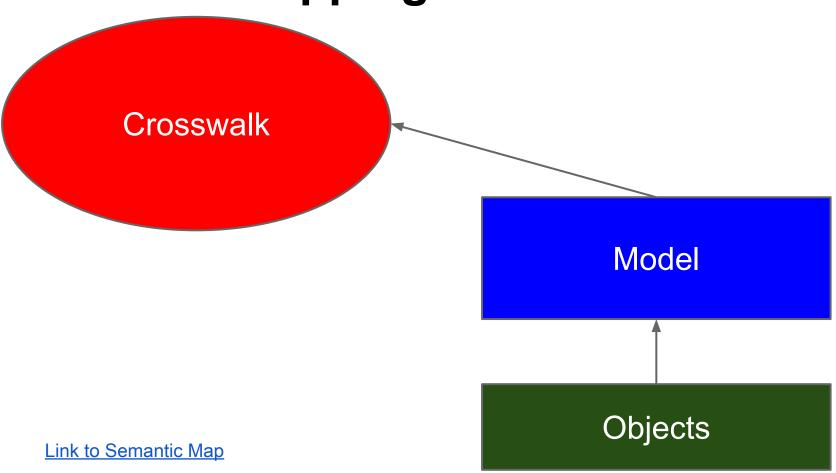
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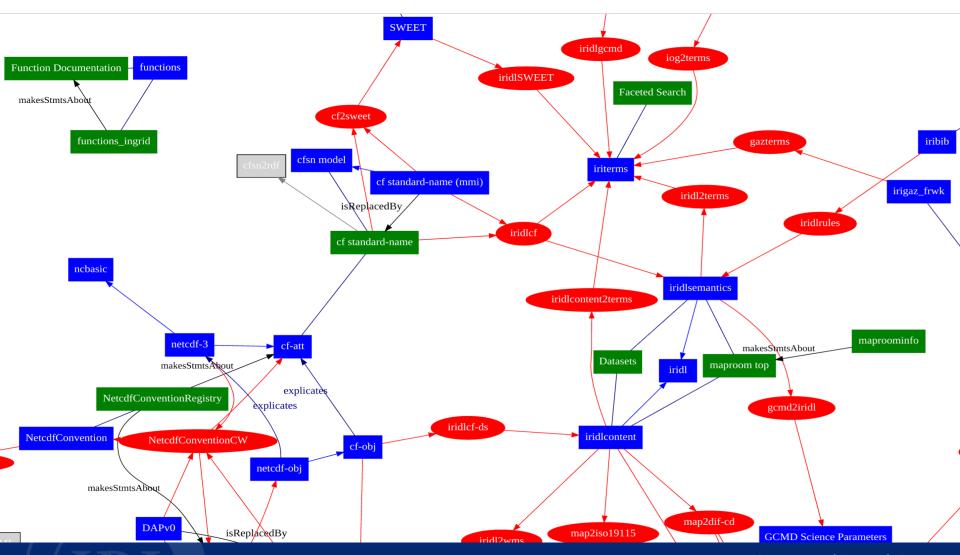


Semantic Mapping





Semantic Mapping



Git packages

code and content

- ingrid
- maproom
- dlentries
- dldoc

- maproom_template
- uicore
- semantic_tools
- pure, jsonld.js, miconf, dlsquid, and others

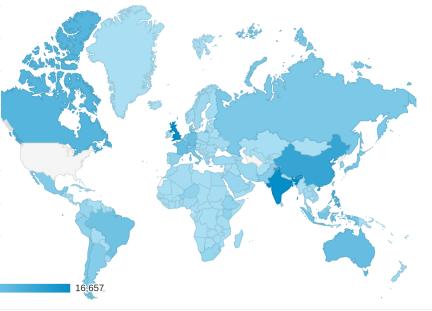
Going Forward

- better persistence
- fully embedded semantics
- multicore execution
- fully merged interface
- federated login/data security



Reach

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1.	United States	144,783	10.87
2.	India	16,657	6.53
3.	United Kingdom	16,454	9.52
4.	China	11,682	11.84
5.	Philippines	9,366	2.43
6.	Canada	8,597	5.06
7.	Australia	6,882	5.99
8.	France	6,657	10.19
9.	Germany	6,425	10.72
10.	(not set)	6,166	4.02



Oct 1, 2012 - Sep 25, 2013

Reach

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1.	Kenya	2,679	9.56
2.	Niger	2,505	16.06
3.	Ethiopia	2,373	11.31
4.	South Africa	2,098	10.45
5.	Egypt	1,082	11.57
6.	Nigeria	918	4.47
7.	Morocco	857	17.60
8.	Madagascar	781	20.27
9.	Tunisia	686	9.25
10.	Senegal	550	15.61

